

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Francesco FERRAILOLO

Filed: December 04, 2000

For: PROCESS FOR THE MANUFACTURE OF A PROTECTING AND IMMOBILISING
ELEMENT OF THE MATTRESS-LIKE TYPE, AND ELEMENT SO OBTAINED

Ass't Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

ATT: APPLICATION BRANCH

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the examination of the above identified application and
to the calculation of the fees, please amend this application as
follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 8, lines 2 and 3, change "any one of the preceding claims"
to -- claim 1 --.

Claim 12, line 1, delete "or 11".

Please add the following claim:

-- [13. A protecting element according to claim 11, characterised
in that the lower ends of the bar (19) and of the foot elements (16) are
secured to a plate element (18).] --